

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice

October 24, 2012

9:00am – 4:00pm

Rappahannock Juvenile Center

275 Wyche Road

Stafford, VA 22554

Members Present

Kevin Appel, Chair

Carol Adams

Robert Bodenhamer

Chuck Brady

Jane Brown, proxy for Commissioner of DSS

Richard Campbell

Alison Carlin

Dave Chapman

Lindsay Fisher

Eileen Grey

Jerrauld Jones

Steven Kast

Malcolm King, proxy for Commissioner of DBHDS

Andrew Slater

Antonio Sutton

Members Not Present

Delegate Robert Bell

Rita Bishop

Cynthia Cave, proxy for Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE

Shaunte Daniel

Terone Green

Sarah Ann Haislip

Hilary Griffith

Quentin Hicks

Jake Jacocks

Amanda Johnson

Senator Bryce Reeves

Dwight Jones

Janet Van Cuyk, proxy for Director of DJJ

Catherine Watts

Kim Slayton White

DCJS Staff Present

Demian Futterman

Tracey Jenkins

Laurel Marks
Lloyd Young

Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. and thanked those in attendance.

Presentations

Kristy Livesy and Ann O'Neill made a presentation on the Virginia Beach Systems Improvement Project. This is a project that is funded with a juvenile justice grant from DCJS, as recommended by the ACJJ.

Erin Toler and Kristin Van Tine made a presentation on the Chaplin Youth Center. The Center has a Case Manager which is funded with a juvenile justice grant from DCJS, as recommended by the ACJJ.

Beth Stinnett made a presentation on the YASI and DAI used throughout the Department of Juvenile Justice. Grants from DCJS, as recommended by the ACJJ, have supported both projects in some capacity.

Priorities for FFY2013 Funding

The ACJJ reviewed the priorities as originally developed for the FFY2012-2014 Three-Year Plan. The priorities were as follows:

1. Compliance monitoring;
2. Reducing behavioral health issues of at-risk and system-involved youth;
3. Reducing disproportionality in the juvenile justice system;
4. Serving at-risk and system-involved youth in their home communities; and
5. Increasing family engagement and community involvement for youth.

Andrew Slater made a motion to accept the priorities as proposed, with the following revision to priority number four:

Serving at-risk and system-involved youth in their home communities, with an emphasis on gang prevention and re-entry initiatives.

The motion was seconded; all approved.

Unfinished Business

Minutes

Judge Jones made a motion to accept minutes for January 25, 2011, May 25, 2011, June 5, 2011, September 22-23, 2011, November 16, 2011, January 24, 2012, April 25, 2012, and August 22, 2012, with minutes for January 24, 2012, April 25, 2012, and August 22, 2012 amended to reflect the meeting location. The motion was seconded; all approved.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Malcolm King made a motion to accept Kevin Apple as Chair and Eileen Gray as Vice-Chair. No nominations from the floor were made. The motion was seconded; all approved.

New Business

Sub-Committee Sign-Ups

A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to indicate their interest in sub-committees of the ACJJ.

Meeting Schedule for 2013

The ACJJ discussed the meeting schedule for 2013. Prior to the meeting, Catherine Watts recommended that the ACJJ consider moving meetings to Fridays, as they may be more convenient for student members attending college. Many members in attendance voiced that Fridays would not be workable in their schedules. Those in attendance also voiced concern of travelling and traffic on Fridays. The consensus was to keep meetings on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Rather than set a schedule, members asked that the Chair and DCJS set the dates and send them out. A request was made to send the dates out as soon as possible for scheduling purposes.

Quorum

Mr. Appel introduced the idea of proposing a legislative change to the quorum requirements of the ACJJ. Members discussed the potential of a legislative change with some concern raised over lowering expectations for members. Members requested that the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth be contacted and advised of appointed members not attending before any legislative action is taken.

Eileen Grey noted that DJJ has issued an RFP to study the DJJ population and facilities. A copy of the RFP was available for members to view if interested. Several members did express interest and concern that the study recognize the research and the best environments for children to be housed, including that which suggests children should be housed/detained near their place of domicile.

Ms. Grey requested that a presentation from a restorative justice project grant operating in Richmond be made at a future meeting.

Jane Brown noted that the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Reentry Council will meet on October 30, 2012 at the Patrick Henry Building.

Adjourn

Lindsay Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting for a tour of the Rappahannock Juvenile Center. The motion was seconded; all approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m. Members toured the Rappahannock Juvenile Center following adjournment.